

BRENTWOOD BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF 1/20/09

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Present: David Menter
Kevin Johnston
Jeffrey Bryan
Andrew Artimovich

The Board met and reviewed payroll, accounts payable, and signed the register. There was discussion regarding the inclusion of time spent doing homework by an employee on their time sheet. The Selectmen decided they will address it with Wayne Robinson when he comes in.

Jonathan Ellis was in to present the weekly Treasurer's report.

The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the 1/13/09 meeting. Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Artimovich; all voted in favor. The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the nonpublic meeting from 1/6/09. Bryan made a motion, seconded by Johnston, to approve the nonpublic minutes. Menter, Johnston, and Bryan voted in favor; Artimovich abstained.

The Board reviewed the notes:

- Northeast Resource Recovery Assn submitted a request to have some information included in the Town Report. The Board decided they do not want to do so but will include it in the next issue of the Brentwood Newsletter.
- David Hines from the DRA would like to sit down with Julie, Jim Michaud, and any interested Selectmen to discuss the assessment review process. An interest was expressed by some Board members to attend. Julie will get in touch with Jim Michaud and schedule a date.

Kathy St. Hilaire and Dexter Swasey were in representing the Recreation Commission to discuss the recent resignation by the Recreation Director. St. Hilaire mentioned that she heard there was discussion at a recent Budget Committee meeting indicating that Recreation Director Jessica Pimental is unorganized. St. Hilaire said that these accusations couldn't be further from the truth, that they are mere gossip and completely unfounded! She continued by elaborating on Jessica's excellent organizational skills and explained that the problems that the parents observe are not due to Jessica's inefficiency but rather are created by circumstances beyond her control – i.e. the weather, unreliable people not opening up gyms, the lack of refs and volunteers. Jessica has submitted a letter containing several recommendations that she feels would help improve the program and make the position more manageable. The Selectmen inquired if they thought 23 hours/week is enough and mentioned the possibility of 2 part-time employees rather than one. St. Hilaire and Swasey explained that they will be discussing these issues and others at next week's meeting. Artimovich suggested that perhaps the programs have grown beyond control of a single, part-time director and maybe it's time to bring the program back to it's roots – get rid of the fancy uniforms and refs and have less volunteer intensive offerings. The Selectmen will submit a letter to the Brentwood Newsletter

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expressing their support of Jessica and recognizing some of the issues that have led to her resignation.

At 7:05 p.m. Menter opened the Public Hearing to sign an amended contract for the CDBG award between Town of Brentwood and Community Development for REDC/RAST (formerly ART). Laurel Bistany of REDC was in to explain that this is simply a procedural issue. There were no comments/questions from the audience. Menter signed the appropriate documents.

The Board signed the following documents:

- A letter to Sovereign Bank to draw upon the letter of credit for the developer of Barnett Woods due to a failure to meet erosion control measures required by the Brentwood Planning Board.
- Authorization to release the balance of the Letter of Credit for Brentwood Distribution, LLC.
- Dragon Mosquito Control had emailed a blank copy of the special permit application to be submitted to the NH Division of Pesticide Control. In order to expedite the process this year Dragon Mosquito is requesting that the blank copy be signed and sent to them for completion before submission to the state. The Selectmen did not feel comfortable signing a blank copy and are requesting that the application be completed before sent to them for signatures.

Caron & Doug Isabelle were in with several complaints about Toss 'N Sauce. They said that cars are parking near the back door, their boom boxes are blaring, they do automotive work on the vehicles there, trash is piling up, they are filling up oil barrels with discarded cooking oil, and there is a foul smell coming from the vicinity. John Kennedy, member of the Planning Board, was in the audience and stated that according to their site plan they are not allowed to park vehicles behind the building and the dumpster is not allowed there. The Selectmen said they will send a letter to both Eric Lambert who owns the building, and the owner of Toss 'N Sauce asking them to come before the Board. The Selectmen asked Julie to check the site plan approved by the Planning Board to see exactly what is stated. In addition, they would like Gil to check on the barrels of oil.

At 7:30 p.m. Menter closed the public hearing regarding the CDBG contract.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the warrant articles that were handed out last week. In response to a request that the warrant article for the fire station bond include wording restricting reconsideration, Julie informed the Board that per RSA 40:10 this request needs to come as a vote at Town Meeting. The Selectmen would like to get some prices for painting the Grange to include in the warrant articles. Julie will get some prices.

Wayne Robinson, police chief, was in to discuss the matter of whether or not an employee gets paid for doing work related homework. Julie passed on information she had received from legal counsel with Local Government Center regarding the issue. Counsel informed her that not only do we not have to pay an employee for times spent

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doing homework, but if the class/training is not required by the job, we don't even have to pay the employee to attend the class/training or travel to and fro. The Selectmen said there are many employees in other departments who have work related homework that do not get paid. The Selectmen told Robinson that the employee will only get paid for 8 hours/day for attending the class. They asked Julie to establish a town-wide policy regarding this matter for their review next week.

Road Agent Wayne Robinson said he visited the residence on Lake Road that complained about the tree that blocks the driveway exit. He said it appears that the tree is partially in the Town's right of way, and partially on private property. It was agreed that the Town does not want to set a precedent for removing trees for residents. Julie will draft a letter for the Selectmen to sign.

At 7:40 p.m. Bryan made a motion, seconded by Artimovich, to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Stevens